



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-807

**Agenda Date:** September 7, 2023

**Department:** Gainesville Regional Utilities

**Title: Agenda Item Request for Authorization to Apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (NB)**

**Department:** GRU Energy & Business Services

**Description:** Request for authorization to apply for a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

**Fiscal Note:** Award of this \$189,200 grant will allow extension of the voucher portion of the LEEP<sup>plus</sup> program.

**Explanation:**

The US Department of Energy has set aside funds as part of a block grant for Energy Efficiency and Conservation projects. The GRU LEEP Plus program fits well into one of the prescribed uses of the funds. Award of these funds will allow extension of the home upgrade voucher program for qualified citizen applicants.

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission authorize the General Manager or his designee to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.